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### **U.S.** Forces help TESON students complete final hurdle

By Tech. Sgt. Sonny Cohrs Joint Task Force-Bravo Public Affairs

TAMARA DROP ZONE, Honduras - Sixteen students of the Honduran army's elite unit TESON parachuted from a CH-47 Chinook helicopter here Dec. 8, completing the final hurdle in their training.

TESON, which stands for Tropas Especiales para Operaciones de Selva y Nocturnas, is akin to the U.S. Army Rangers, according to Army Lt. Col. Gregory Jicha, commander of Joint Task Force-Bravo's Army Forces at Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras. The current class of TESON students started with 70 students trying out, 47 actually beginning the training, and only 17 graduating the course.

JTF-Bravo provided the drop zone setup, safety oversight, U.S. Army jumpmasters and the aircraft from the 1st Battalion, 228th Aviation Regiment.

"It gives our pilots flight hours, it gives our jumpmasters experience and allows them to keep their force ready and proficient," said Colonel Jicha. "(Besides), if I wasn't waking up at five o'clock on a Saturday to fall out of an airplane, I don't know what I would be doing," he joked.

The TESON students first observed both U.S. and Honduran military members jumping from the aircraft. Once the helicopter landed, the students filed on board and chanted motivating songs, stomping their feet as they approached the drop zone. In chocks of four, the students stood up, hooked in their static line, and jumped from the open ramp of the Chinook after a pat on the shoulder from the jumpmaster. Four passes later, all 16 of the jumpers were safely on the ground gathering their gear.

"They have a good time and they're really pumped," Colonel Jicha added. "A lot of them have jumped CH-47s before, but the types of aircraft we use is way beyond what they would get on a normal basis. A lot of times, if they don't jump with us, they may not get a lot of chances to jump."

On the ground watching the jump was Gen. Romeo Vasquez, the Chief of Staff of the Honduran army, who said the even was "excellente."

"We are very happy today because of the help that JTF-Bravo



Army Staff Sqt. David Hattan, Joint Task Force-Bravo Army Forces, checks the parachute of Capt. Erwin Lara, a TESON instructor with the Honduran army, prior to an airdrop here Dec. 8. The air drop was the last requirement for the students in the TESON class. TESON, which stands for Tropas Especiales para Operaciones de Selva y Nocturnas, is an elite Honduran unit akin to the U.S. Army Rangers.

has given to us," the general said. "We are ending the toughest course in our army. We are grateful to your Army and your

After the jump, the students were met by a gathering of family, friends, and fellow soldiers who had come to congratulate them on their accomplishment. Colonel Jicha pinned U.S. Army paratrooper wings on each of the new TESON graduates, and each was presented with a certificate of accomplishment by Army Col. Marcus De Oliveira, JTF-Bravo commander. The students barked a loud "TESON" followed by "HOOAH" after shaking the hands of the U.S. Army commanders.

For Honduran TESON student 2nd Lt. Jaime Omar Guillen, this was his first jump from a Chinook, and an experience he'll likely never forget.

"This was very exciting because I have never done this before," he said. "If there is another opportunity, I'd like to do it again. Everything was great - the equipment and the security."

Completing the TESON course was very challenging, but well worth the effort according to the young lieutenant.

"It's been a long struggle from the first day," he said of TE-SON. "It's been very hard, but ... you have to be very clear of what one wants."

JTF-Bravo routinely conducts airborne operations with Central American countries, providing training and cross-culturecommunication between the U.S. and its allies. One example of this is an annual exercise called Iguana Voladora, which facilitates JTF-Bravo's and U.S. Southern Command's commitment to nurturing and improving relations with Honduras and its neighbors in Latin America.

Iguana Voladora is a unique blend of various customs and cultures with a common effort towards understanding each country's military posture and decision-making processes. Providing a "team-oriented" perspective of military operations for countries in SOUTHCOM's area of responsibility, this event helps unite potential leaders and gives them an environment in which to meet their counterparts and execute high-risk and extremely motivating military operations together. It is intended to be a continuation of multi-national operations that enhance participating countries' stability and abilities to support their neighbors in times of crisis.

In May, the task force hosted the following countries for Iguana Voladora 2007: Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, México, Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and the United States.

### Make a difference this Holiday season

Thank you for the difference you make every day, defending the United States of America and promoting our

interests and ideals around the world. As the holiday season approaches, we encourage you to make a special effort to make a difference in the lives of those immediately around you. Many of you will travel to your hometowns across the country. Others will spend the holidays deployed in defense of freedom or at a critical duty station at your home base. Wherever you spend the holidays, we encourage you to make a difference.

Make a difference as a Wingman. Each year the Air Force experiences at least three fatal mishaps over the holiday period. This year, let's make a difference by dropping that number to zero. We need each commander, supervisor, and Airman to get personally involved. Know the holiday travel plans of your Wingmen. Check each other, and if travel plans don't

pass the common sense test, adjust them. Apply personal risk management to all of your planned activities to better ensure you and your fellow Airmen return safely after the holidays.

Suicide remains a formidable enemy for our Air Force, taking more lives each year than direct enemy action. Unfortunately,

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the holiday season is not a joyous one for everyone. Recognize the signs of distress and take action to help your fellow Airmen in need. With proper planning and good wingmanship, we can ensure our safest holiday season ever.

Make a difference as an Ambassador. Every Airman is an ambassador to all we meet. This is true every day, but the holiday season provides many of us unique opportuni-

ties to relax and share our Air Force experiences back home. The American public overwhelmingly respects your service to the country and our Air Force. Your parents, friends, family, and teachers want to hear about your successes. We encourage you to be proud, tell the Air Force story, and brag a little!

Make a difference as an Airman. Integrity, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do are our guiding principles, the bedrock of the Airman's way of life. Directly linked to them is mutual respect — a care for one another that goes beyond the recognition of being on the same team. It's not just how we greet each other, but more importantly how we treat one another. As you share your Air Force experiences this holiday season, set the example by living our core values.

Over the course of this past year, we've traveled the globe, watching you in action. You are magnificent. We've seen you executing the mission while deployed, and we've seen you serving our combatant commanders from home station. You've been imaginative and innovative, finding better and more effi-

cient ways for our Air Force to provide unmatched Air, Space, and Cyberspace power. Our Air Force family and mission depend on each and every one of you. Thanks again for your service and thanks for making a difference every day. Happy holidays!

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**DECEMBER 21, 2007** DESERT LIGHTNING NEWS

### **Tops in Blue selects AZ Air Guardsman for 2008 team**



Tech. Sqt. Chandra Smith, a personnel specialist in the Arizona Air National Guard, poses with her second place trophy in the Specialty category for her theatrical performance in the competition.

### By Capt. Gabe Johnson 162nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The "Star Spangled Banner," "America the Beautiful," and "God Bless America" are songs Tech. Sgt. Chandra Smith knows very well from her years of singing at retirements, promotions and awards ceremonies at the Arizona Air National Guard's 162nd Fighter Wing.

This year she'll expand her repertoire and take her talent on the road as a member of the Air Force's 2008 Tops in Blue performance team.

Known as the Air Force's Expeditionary Entertainers, Tops in Blue performs a 90-minute musical extravaganza wherever U.S. troops are stationed. The

enormous popularity of the group has made them goodwill ambassadors around the world.

Sergeant Smith was notified of her selection Dec. 12 when the 162nd Fighter Wing Commander, Brig. Gen. Rick Moisio, called to congratulate her.

"I was so shocked when I got the call," Sergeant Smith said. "There was so much talent at the audition and I didn't think I would make the team."

Sergeant Smith, who rarely sings for audiences outside of the 162nd, began thinking about auditioning for Tops in Blue in April.

"I wanted to do something with my voice," she said. "This was just the right time in my life to be a part of something big."

She worked with vocal coach-

es to perfect her technique, and submitted a video performance to the selection committee. Her video was selected from hundreds of submissions earning her an invitation to audition in person.

She spent 10 days in early December at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in rigorous competition with 56 Airmen from around the world for a spot on the 30-member entertainment group. She is now one of 10 female vocalists chosen to represent the Air Force.

"I have to go back to Lackland on Feb. 3 for staging which is like basic training times 10," she said. "For 60 days we will be running five miles a day and dancing about 14 hours a day."

The highly-accelerated training process prepares the new team to master the instrumental, vocal, choreography and staging requirements of the performance, and also teaches

them to be their technical own staff.

"We set up our own stage which takes five hours to set up and three hours to tear down at each stop," said Smith who will perform more than 100 shows during the ninemonth performance season.

"I think some of the personal challenges for me will be to get used to wearing heels all of the time," she said. "I'll also have to get used to wearing makeup at all times because we cannot leave our hotel rooms without being performance ready."

Sergeant Smith serves as a full-time Guardsman at the 162nd Fighter Wing's F-16 Alert Detachment at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. She's the unit's orderly room attendant managing computer, personnel and administrative duties. She has full support from her coworkers, family and friends.

"There's a lot of support here at the Det," said Chief Master Sgt. Richard Bonner, detachment chief enlisted manager. "We all knew she was going to make it. I should have written the announcement to backfill her position a month ago."

According to Smith, her husband Adam will miss her during her 12-month absence, but is proud that she earned a place on the team.

"He said I had to do this... it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," she said.



Tech. Sgt. Chandra Smith, a personnel specialist in the Arizona Air National Guard, will trade in her BDUs for numerous costume changes as a member of the 2008 Tops in Blue performance team. Sergeant Smith sits with a make up artist as she transforms into the Wicked Witch of the West for her performance at the Tops in Blue Worldwide Talent competition.

### **USSOUTHCOM Deputy Commander brings**

Story and photos by Mass Communications Specialist 1st Class Michael Wimbish U.S. Southern Command Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING LOCATION **MANTA**, Ecuador — U.S. Southern Command's deputy commander, Lt. Gen. Glenn Spears, visited two schools in Manta, Ecuador Dec. 10, presenting both with certificates pledging thousands of dollars to fund renovation projects and provide school supplies.

Spears was accompanied by a group of personnel from USSOUTHCOM headquarters and Airmen from the Forward Operating Location that is located within the Ecuadorian Eloy Alfaro Air Force Base in Manta. Spears and the USSOUTH-COM group were in Manta to thank the more than 150 troops there who are conducting counter-narcotics support operations.

The pledges to the two schools – the Angelica Flores School for the Disabled and the Foundation Shekinah - are part a continuing series of humanitarian projects that the troops of FOL Manta carry out year round to support the children.

Spears presented a certificate to the school's vice

director, Amalia Reyes, pledging money to repaint the school, build a roof over the school's basketball court and provide desperately needed school supplies.

The school, founded 28 years ago, strives to provide an education that will enable the disable children to become independent, happy adults. Two graduates of Angelica now work at the

"We in the United States are very happy to share this wonderful season of joy with all of you," Spears told the children. "Today we have the opportunity to commit to you that we will help improve this beautiful school."

Also during the visit, some of the school's children performed for their American visitors with song and dance while the USSOUTHCOM group mingled with the curious and smiling students. Later, Spears and the USSOUTHCOM troops led the school in singing Christmas carols.

"We accept, with much happiness, this commitment knowing with certainty it is going to be carried out," said Reyes.

"Thank you very much for all of your support. incredible" she said. "And we desire for you to



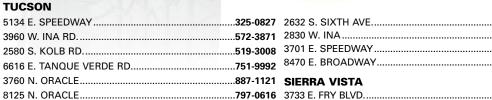
Command Sqt. Maj. Michael Balch, talks with a student of the Angelica Flores School for the Disabled in Manta, Ecuador. Balch was with a group of USSOUTHCOM personnel, led by Lt. Gen. Glen Spears, that was there to pledge money to repaint the school, build a roof over the school's basketball court and provide desperately needed schools supplies. The group was accompanied by airman from the Forward Operating Location that is located within the Ecuadoarian Eloy Alfaro Air Force Base in Manta.

remain here. For us, the point is, this [FOL] is not just a military base, this is an operating post and as far as we can help so that you remain here with us as friends, as associates, we will always be









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open and I believe that is the feeling of all of the helpers, all of the parents that are here with us... Thank you," said Reyes.

Besides government funded salaries for the teachers, the school relies almost entirely on non-profit donations. That's why Reyes, who has been at the school more than 27 years, was overjoyed at the donation, according to Air Force Senior Airman Omar Torres, who is the FOL's main coordinator of efforts supporting the school. Torres is deployed from Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma and helps maintain the AWACS aircraft that fly counter drug surveillance missions.

"She was so excited about this. She wanted everything to be nice and to be perfect [for the visit]," he said. "This is going to be their biggest project in awhile ... I think this is a dream come true for her."

Later, at the Foundation Shekinah orphanage, Spears presented a certificate to the foundation's president, Consuelo Bravo, promising to fund a project to repaint the orphanage's interior and repair its fence.

Shekinah was founded in 1996 and gives shelter to children who have been mistreated or abandoned. According to the school, they work to heal

emotional scars and instill a culture of responsibility and moral values. Currently, the orphanage is housing 14 children but can accommodate 45.

"While I have come to visit for just one day, it's our friends at the FOL who work with you all the time that make this possible," said Spears.

According to the orphanage, their staff includes a psychologist and a social worker.

The stop was the third of four-nation "holiday cheer" tour to Latin America and the Caribbean, where the deputy commander is thanking deployed troops while the unofficial command band "Southern Sounds" performs.

The mission of FOL Manta is to help Ecuador protect its sovereignty against drug traffickers by flying counter-narcoterrorism missions in the Eastern Pacific. There are 15 full-time U.S. military personnel who work at the FOL along with an average of 150 pilots, crew members and support personnel who deploy to Manta for a few months at a time.

In 1999, the U.S. and Ecuador signed a bilateral agreement that permits U.S. forces to use a portion of the Ecuadorian air base as a Forward Operating Location to conduct counter-narcotics flights. The agreement expires in 2009.



U.S. Southern Command's deputy commander, Lt. Gen. Glen Spears, presents a certificate to the Angelica Flores School for the Disabled in Manta, Ecuador Dec. 10, pledging money to repaint the school, build a roof over the school's basketball court and provide desperately needed schools supplies. Spears was accompanied by a group of personnel from the USSOUTHCOM headquarters and Airman from the Forward Operating Location that is located within the Ecuadoarian Eloy Alfaro Air Force Base in Manta.

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Photos by 2nd Lt. Mary Pekas

A Royal Air Force Avro Shackleton Bomber landed at Davis-Monthan Sunday and will be donated to the Pima Air & Space Museum.

### **British bomber arrives**

### By 355th **Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

A Royal Air Force Shackleton Bomber landed at D-M Dec. 16 and will be donated to the Pima Air & Space Museum. Built in 1952, the historic Shackelton, is the only plane of its type that still flies. The aircraft was donated to the museum by Air Atlantique of Coventry, England, by Michael Collett.

ferry flight was from fitted with radar four 2,490 HP Rolls

Air Force in Midland/Odessa, Texas to Davis-Monthan. From Davis-Monthan, the plane will be towed to its permanent home at the Museum.

The warbird flew many forms of wartime missions as a bomber in the Suez crises in the mid 1950s', Aden and Malaya in 1958, Belize in 1960 and Indonesia in 1962. In 1971, 12 of the Shackleton The plane's final MK2 aircraft were was designed with

the Commemorative for early warning marine reconnaissance patrol duty as a safeguard against the former Soviet Union and the Eastern Bloc.

The plane was one Pima Air and Space of the last six Shackletons in service when it retired from the Squadron Eight of the Royal Air Force in 1991. It was sold to Air Atlantique in 1991. It arrived in the Unites States in 1994 and was used in air shows.

> The Shackleton





### at Pima Air & Space Museum Sunday

Royce Giffon, MK-58 V-12 piston engines. Each engine has two contra-rotating propellers. Maximum speed was 302 mph. and service ceiling was 19,000 feet, with a range of 3,660 miles and a flight crew of 10. The aircraft has a wingspan of 119 feet, 10 inches and a length of 92 feet, six inches, with a gross take-off weight of 96,000 pounds.

A Royal Air Force Avro Shackleton Bomber lands at Davis-Monthan Sunday.





# Retiree Veteran NEWS

FOR RETIREES, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

### DFAS announces release dates for account, tax statements

**ARLINGTON, Va.** (AFRNS) – Air Force retirees and annuitants receiving compensation from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service can expect to receive their 2007 tax and account statements beginning this month.

All DFAS customers with myPay access will be able to retrieve their tax statements electronically up to two weeks sooner than those relying on regular mail delivery.

Internal Revenue Service forms 1099Rs and 1099-INTs, along with retiree and annuitant annual account statements, for DFAS customers are projected to be distributed by the dates in the following table:

Retirees can view their annual statement now on myPay, and their 1099R should already be posted. These documents were mailed via U.S. Postal Service beginning Dec. 16 until the end of the year.

Annuitants can now view their account statement and 1099R via myPay. These documents were mailed via U.S. Postal Service Dec. 19 and will continue through the end of the year.

According to Lee Krushinski, acting DFAS operations director, tax statements available through myPay are approved for use by the IRS and have several added benefits – mainly availability — for myPay users.

"The statements remain online to allow customers to view and print whenever it is convenient for them," Mr. Krushinski said. "Should they need copies later in the year, they are still available."

Mr. Krushinski also pointed out the use of "restricted access PINs" allows users to have other family members, tax preparers or other trusted individuals view and print their tax statements without

the ability to change any pay account information. This can be of particular interest to anyone who uses commercial tax preparation services. The restricted access personal identification number can be established after logging into a customer's myPay account

Using myPay to access tax and account statements eliminates the preparation and mailing costs incurred with the traditional distribution methods. Combined with the earlier availability of statements online, this makes myPay a better option for many DFAS customers and the Department of Defense, said DFAS officials.

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### NCPA applauds pharmacy TRICARE provisions in the Congressional passage of The Defense Authorization Bill

**John Norton** Public Relations Manager

**ALEXANDRIA, Va.** (Dec. 17, 2007) — The National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) thanks Congress for including key pharmacy provisions in the Defense Authorization Act Conference Report for fiscal year 2008 it passed last week. These provisions allow community pharmacies in our military health care system (TRICARE) to continue dispensing prescription drug services in a patient-friendly and cost-efficient manner.

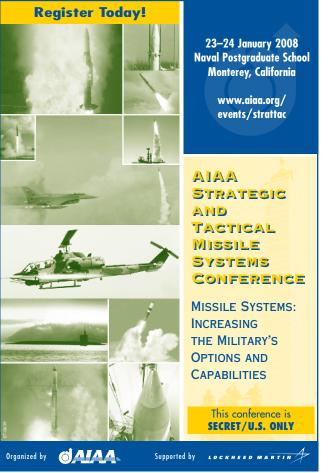
The current freeze on increases to retail pharmacy co-payments was extended, preventing patients from being penalized for having their prescriptions filled at retail pharmacies as opposed to mail-order pharmacies. The Department of Defense will be able to negotiate with drug manufacturers for prescription drug federal pricing discounts at retail pharmacies, as is currently the case with mail order pharmacies. In fact, the Congressional Budget

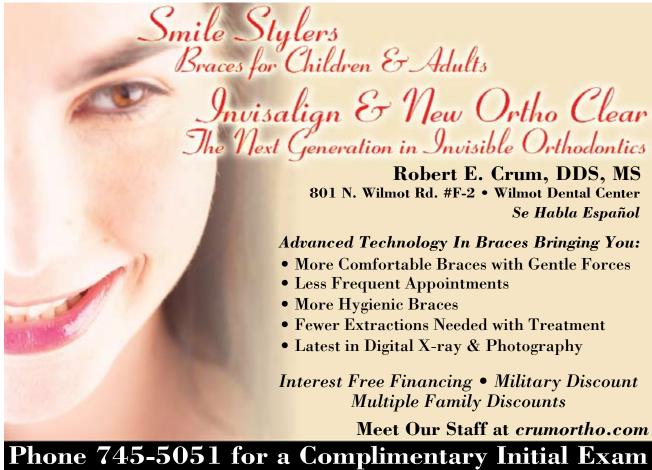
Office estimates that the Defense Department were not included. will save \$1.8 billion over the next five years by having these all-inclusive negotiation rights. In response Bruce Roberts, RPh, NCPA executive vice president and CEO, issued the following statement:

"Our military's sacrifice and service clearly warrants that they have the best health care possible, especially when our nation is at war. Part of that commitment must include prescription drug services, and through the years community pharmacies have been at the forefront of fulfilling those needs for our active duty military, veterans, and their families. Included in the Defense Authorization bill that just passed Congress were critical provisions allowing community pharmacies to continue that relationship. These provisions extend the rebates of the federal supply schedule pricing to include retail pharmacies, and there is a one-year freeze on the increases in co-pays for retail pharmacies. What is also noteworthy is that any incentives or mandates for mail order

"Congress chose the prudent course of action by working to level the playing field for community pharmacies, so they can remain a viable, cost-effective option for TRICARE patients who deserve a choice when deciding where to get their prescription drugs filled. Special thanks goes out to the Congressional leadership that made this possible: the chairs and ranking members of the Senate and House Armed Service Committees, Senators Carl Levin (D-Mich) and John McCain (R-Ariz.), and Representatives Ike Skelton (D-Mo.) and Duncan Hunter (R-Calif.)."

The National Community Pharmacists Association, founded in 1898, represents the nation's community pharmacists, including the owners of more than 23,000 pharmacies. The nation's independent pharmacies, independent pharmacy franchises, and independent chains dispense nearly half of the nation's retail prescription medicines. To learn more go to www.ncpanet.org.





### MEDIA ADVISORY

By Capt. Nathan Broshear 12th Air Force and Air Forces Southern Public Affairs

Tucson military headquarters receives award from foreign government Commendation from Colombian government accepted on behalf of men and women of Air Forces Southern for decades of assistance and partnership Lt. Gen. Norman Seip, Commander 12th Air Force and Air Forces Southern accepted the "Air Force Cross for Aeronautical Merit — Grand Cross Category" medal on behalf of the men and women of 12th Air Force and Air Forces Southern last month in Bogota, Colombia. The Davis-Monthan AFB-based unit is the military's lead in providing air-power and expertise in support of operations in Central and South America as a component of U.S. Southern Command.

Presented by Colombian President Alvaro Uribe, the medal signified the profound appreciation felt by Colombian citizens, military members and government officials for decades of American assistance and partnership.

"This medal (is presented) to the members of military forces that have distinguished themselves for participating in a permanent way in operations against narcoterrorists, interdiction of narcoterrorist's aircraft and joint planning operations that would benefit the internal order of this country," stated President Uribe. (Original quote in Spanish — translation provided by 12th Air Force)

"It's rare for a U.S. Airman to be recognized in this manner," said Lt. Col. Alberto Moreno, the 12th Air Force and Air Forces Southern political advisor. "Clearly, military members should understand the deep gratitude felt by the people of Colombia — embodied in this award is a heartfelt 'thank-you' for our military efforts in their country."

12th Air Force and AFSOUTH missions in Colombia have included specialized medical support, such as dentistry, dermatology, gynecology, internal medicine, optometry and pediatric treatment; robust construction projects to build schools and hospitals, and the drilling of fresh water wells to provide sanitary drinking water to impoverished locales inside Colombia. In cooperation with the Colombian government, the command also participates in military exercises and training events, airshows and outreach programs, as well as, subject-matter expert exchange opportunities to broaden military member's cross-culture perspectives and to strengthen military-to-military relations among all ranks.

The award citation harkened to these missions. "The (Colombian) government must therefore recognize the effort of the military people, since their achievements contribute to the constitutional objectives, territorial sovereignty and

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defense of the institutions of this country," said President Uribe during the ceremony. (Original quote in Spanish — translation provided by 12th Air Force)

Assisting our partner nations is a key mission for military members who deploy to U.S. Southern Command's area-of-responsibility, explained General Seip.

"This award proves how significant our efforts in this region are to improving the lives of the men and women of our partner nations," said General Seip. "This would not have been possible without the Herculean efforts of the men and women I serve alongside — the military members working everyday at 12th Air Force and Air Forces Southern — this medal is an honor bestowed on the Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who've worked to strengthen the bonds of friendship with the people of Colombia."

The Colombian Air Force Cross for Aeronautical Merit — Grand Cross Category medal, sash and ribbon will be displayed in the 12th Air Force headquarters.

"This is only the beginning," added General Seip. "Our friendship with the people of Colombia will continue to grow as more U.S. personnel have the opportunity to serve in this region and experience the culture and personal rewards of knowing your hard work is valued by our partners in South America."

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# Retired Colonel Leon Gray, who had strong ties to Arizona, dies Nov. 26 at the age of 94

### Col. Leon W. Gray Oct. 18, 1913 to Nov. 26, 2007

Retired Colonel Leon Gray, who had strong ties to Arizona, died Nov. 26 at the age of 94. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday at 2 p.m. The service is scheduled for Saturday at 2 p.m. at the East Lawn Palms Cemetery, 5801 E. Grant Rd. If you are unable to stand for 30 minutes, please bring a lawn chair.

Born in Lockney, Texas, Colonel Gray arrived in Arizona at the age of two. In 1934, he graduated from Tucson High School, excelling in football, boxing, and swimming. Colonel Gray attended the University of Arizona on a football scholarship, where he played right guard for the team under the infamous coaching of Tex Oliver. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and graduated from the U of A in 1938. Colonel Gray received his pilots' wings and commission from Aviation Cadet Training at Randolph and Kelly Fields, Texas in 1939.

His first assignment was to a fighter group in Panama during World War II. There Colonel Gray was a highly decorated flying photo reconnaissance missions (unarmed) in enemy airspace with the P-38 Lightning and British Mosquito in the European theater. He was cocommander with Elliott Roosevelt in North Africa, where, FDR stayed for dinner with his son and Leon on his way to Tunis for the Yalta Conference in 1943.

Colonel Gray was later named commander of

12th Reconnaissance Squadron flying P-51 and Spitfire missions to northern Italy during the Trieste Crisis. He also commanded the 25th Bomb Group, 8th AAF in Watton, England, 1944-1945. During the war, Colonel Gray executed numerous outstanding missions, conspicuous for the sheer courage and daring. He flew the first night mission and advanced the strategic and tactical value of photographic reconnaissance to an unprecedented degree. Colonel Gray received the British Distinguished Flying Cross medal from King George VI at Buckingham Palace.

### 1946-1947

Back stateside at March Field, California, Colonel Gray piloted the Air Force's first operational jet, the F-80 Shooting Star (Beautiful Doll), along with Brig. Gen. Robin Olds, setting world speed record for the first transcontinental West coast/East coast and back within daylight hours.

During this time he was the winner of the auspicious Bendix Transcontinental Trophy Race, jet division in 1946 and again in 1947, flying the P-80 Shooting Star in four hours two minutes with an average speed of 507 mph.

### 1950-1951

As commander of Williams Air Force Base, Ariz., Colonel Gray had a cameo role in the movie "Air Cadet" which was filmed on base and he did all the lead flying for the film. At this time, he established the Acrojets Flying Team – the first officially recognized Air Force precursor to the Thunderbird Team.

#### 1953-1959

In 1953 Colonel Gray became the Alaskan Air Command, Elmendorf, Air Force Base - training and operations officer, before being named commander of the 4700th Air Defense Wing, at Geiger Field, Washington – the first mach 2 flying command in the world. In 1959 he was the winner of William Tell Worldwide Weapons meet (rocket and missile firing), flying the F-104 Starfighter jet.

#### 1960s

In the 1960s Colonel Gray held many important leadership roles in Oregon and Washington State before being named commander, Phoenix Air Defense Sector, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

In 1967 Col. Leon W. Gray retired after 27 years active military service. He was enshrined into the Aviation Hall of Fame (Pima Air and Space Museum) in Tucson, Ariz., April 17, 1993. Col. Gray's decorations include but not limited to; Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, British Distinguished Flying Cross, Croix de Guerre/Avec Palme, European- African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two SilverStars and one Bronze Star, World War II Victory Medal.



# 6-0X0 off limits

# Popular body-building supplement facing investigation

By Staff Sgt. Marc Ciardiello 355th Fighter Wing Military Justice Paralegal

A nutritional supplement named 6-OXO (androst-4-ene-3,17-dione) is under scrutiny by the Food and Drug Administration.

6-OXO is a derivative of an anabolic steroid and is marketed for sale at several body-building Web sites. It is used as an aromatase inhibitor, which may help to increase testosterone levels in the body and is often advertised

as an "estrogen blocker." The Web sites, selling this supplement, are not telling consumers that its derivative is classified as an anabolic steroid under The Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2004.

Also, anabolic steroids are a Schedule III controlled substance under 21 U.S.C. 812.

So what does all of this mean to you as a military member? Since 6-OXO is derived from a controlled substance it can cause a positive result in a urinalysis test and illicit use of anabolic ste-

roids by military members is an offense under Article 112a of the UCMJ.

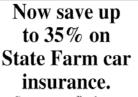
If a military member tests positive for anabolic steroids they can be subject to a maximum punishment of five years confinement, forfeiture of all pays and allowances, and a dishonorable discharge.

It is strongly recommended that Air Force members avoid possessing and using 6-OXO to prevent career damaging consequences.

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### D-M Clubs to give away \$1,000 in cash tonight - plus holiday prizes

The D-M clubs will be giving away at least way up to \$1,000 at both clubs, according to spirit of the holidays," Ms. Jones said. "Plus \$1,000 in cash tonight as part of their weekly 'Cash Call Fridays' promotion.

"Either one, two, or ten people are going to walk away with a lot of cash tonight," said Sherry Jones, Desert Oasis Enlisted Club Manager. "If we do not have a \$1,000 winner from our weekly random Cash Call drawings, both the Desert Oasis and The Mirage will give five members from both clubs \$100 in cash."

Cash Call Fridays is a local club member incentive program where club members have chances to win cash if they're present at the club when their name is called. Cash Call amounts started at \$50 and have worked their Frances Pientack, 355th Service Marketing director. The names are drawn randomly from the club member database using a random number generator program.

"We really thought we would be giving away all of the money a lot sooner than this," Ms. Pientack said. "We've come close several times when some of the club's regular customers popped up in the random drawings, unfortunately they didn't show that particular night to collect \$1000 in cash."

"We decided to give away at least half of the cash tonight at both clubs if there's not a \$1000 winner because we're really in the

after tonight, both clubs will be closed until the New Year."

To get a chance at one of the five \$100 cash prizes at each club, primary club card holders will be given a drawing ticket with a number on it at the door when they show their club card. A matching ticket will be placed in a drawing container. If a \$1000 winner does not come forward then five tickets will be drawn from the container. The members holding matching tickets will be given \$100 each when they present their club card.

"A hundred dollar bill is a pretty a nice treat for someone to take home just in time for the holidays," said Dan Cook, The Mirage

> Officers' Club Manager. "It's our way of showing our appreciation to all of our loyal customers."

> "If you're not one of the \$100 cash winners, there will still be chances to win something tonight," Mr. Cook said. "We will also be giving club members a ticket for

chances to win cool holiday prizes, just for being a member and showing up at the club tonight."

For more information on Cash Call Fridays or club membership, call 228-3301 or 228-3100.





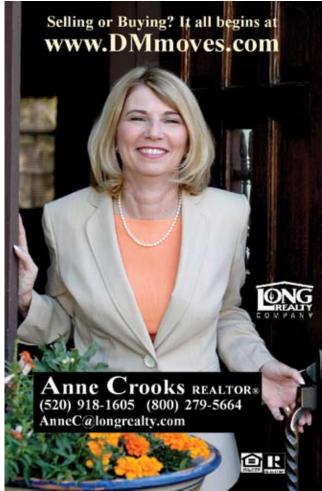
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# Davis-Monthan worship schedule

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#### **Catholic**

- Saturday Mass at 5 p.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel.
- Sunday Mass at 9:45 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel.
- Monday through Friday 11:30 a.m. atthe Desert Dove Chapel

### **Protestant**

- Traditional Service is Sunday at 8 a.m. at the Hope Chapel.
- Desert Lightning Fellowship (Contemporary Service) is Sunday at 9:45 a.m. at the Hope Chapel.
- Inspirational Gospel Service is Sunday at 11:30 a.m. at the Hope Chapel.

 Children's church will be held for young children (at parents' discretion) during each worship service.

### **Dorm Worship Service**

• CBNR (Church But Not Really) This Worship Service meets in the Ground Floor day room, Dorm 3500, Sundays at 6:30 p.m. Come by at 5:30 p.m. for a home cooked meal.

### **PWOC Bible study**

The Protestant Women of the Chapel join for music, fellowship and Bible study every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. at the Desert Dove Annex. Children's ministry is provided.

### **Waiting Warriors**

Everyone is invited to attend a Waiting Warriors meeting, which can benefit the spouses of the base and chapel community. Members share with each other the challenges and joys of being a military spouse and can find support during deployments and Temporary Duty Assignments, while building new friendships. Meetings take place every other Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. Also offered is, "It's a Dog's Life" children's program for ages four years to fifth grade.

For more information, e-mail Angie Bacon at waitingwarriors@yahoo.com or call the base chapel at 228-5411.



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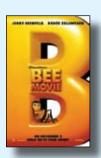
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### Sunday

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### **D-M News Notes**

### **Scholarships**

The Officers' Spouses' Club, Enlisted Spouses' Association and First Command scholarship applications are now available. Applications are available for graduating high school students, Spouse's Undergraduate Studies and Spouse's Graduate Studies. Applicants must be a dependent of active duty, Retired, National Guard, Reserves, or deceased member of any branch of the Armed Forces. Applications will be available at the Officers and Enlisted clubs, Base Education Office, Family Support Center, Community Center and Thrift Shop or by e-mailing kvbowman88@yahoo.com for a downloadable application. Please specify which application you need. High school seniors may also pick up an application from their high school guidance counselor. Applications must be postmarked by February 28, 2008 for consideration. For more information, call Kathleen Bowman at 299-3840 or e-mail her at kvbowman88@yahoo.com

### **Commissary Extravaganza**

The Davis-Monthan Commissary will host a shopping extravaganza Sunday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. At least 10 additional volunteers are needed to entertain children while parents are shopping. Volunteers should arrive no later than 5 p.m. Call Tracy Canter 228-4024 to sign up.

### **Dinner with Santa for Deployed Families**

A Hearts Apart event will take place Dec. 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Borman Elementary School. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up. Call Tracy Canter 228-4024 to volunteer.

### VA Hospital

The Veteran of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a Christmas Eve day-time celebration Dec. 24 at the Southern Arizona Veterans Administration Health Care System Auditorium, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to escort patients from the wards to the auditorium. Volunteers are also needed to help serve lunch and pass out gifts. For more information call Lucille Lombardo at 790-7893 or 885-3734 or e-mail her at LucilleLM@aol.com.



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#### **Blanchard Golf Course**

Dec. 24 and New Years Day Sunrise to Sunset

### **Desert Inn Dining Facility**

Dec. 24

Breakfast 5:30 to 7:30 a.m.
Lunch 11a.m.-1p.m.
Dinner 4 to 6 p.m.
No midnight meal
Christmas Day

Breakfast 6 to 8 a.m.

Christmas Meal is 11a.m to 2 p.m.

Dinner 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

No midnight meal New Years Day

Breakfast 7 to 9 a.m.

Lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

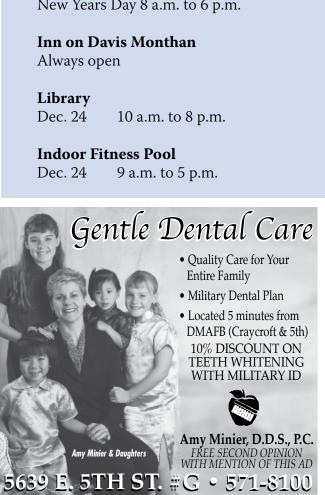
Dinner 4 to 6 p.m.

### **Community Center**

Dec. 24 Noon to 6 p.m. New Years Day Noon to 6 p.m.

### **Fitness Centers**

Dec. 24 4 a.m. to 6 p.m. New Years Day 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.





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# 12<sup>th</sup> Air Force breaks service record challenges 355th Fighter Wing

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Kerry Jackson 12th Air Force and Air Forces Southern Public Affairs

The heat was on Saturday as 12th Air Force Headquarters Airmen hustled to meet a 12 p.m. deadline.

The challenge: show what 45 Airmen working together can do to help more than 200,000 Tucson residents in need ... in just three short hours.

The team, who enlisted the help of their commander, vice commander, and command chief, volunteered their time and muscle to the Tucson Community Food Bank, a local charity a volunteer record. After three hours, 45 Airmen had proven what will, compassion and the drive to serve can do to impact the lives of many.

Each emergency-food box is designed to assist a family of four. The team's contribution impacted an estimated 10,508 Tucson residents, 60 percent of which are children. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season the demand for emergency food increases significantly—promoting a corresponding need for volunteers.

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Sudha Brown (left) and Master Sgt. David Maxwell, along with 43 other Airmen and civilians from 12th Air Force headquarters, volunteered their time Saturday to provide service to more than 10,000 Tucson residents in need in the local community. The team, who schedules time each quarter for group volunteer projects, volunteered at the Tucson Community Food Bank, a local charity striving to reduce the impact of hunger and chronic malnutrition through programs of advocacy and nutrition education.

striving to reduce the impact of hunger and chronic malnutrition through programs of advocacy and nutrition education.

"I'm amazed at how many emergency-food boxes our team managed to fill," said Lt. Gen. Norman Seip, commander 12th Air Force and Air Force Southern. "This is airpower in action — we tackled this mission like any of our military missions. Every box counted, and the more boxes filled the more families we were able to serve."

Hinting at a challenge to the neighboring 355th Fighter Wing, the general joked, "What happened Saturday was significant – I doubt anyone will come close to breaking our record."

So just how well did the team do?

Does stuffing 2,627 boxes, totaling 60,406 lbs, with 180,000 units of food tell you anything?

As the clock ate away time, the 12 p.m. deadline approached, the team's pace seemed to double wheels on the 12-foot long conveyer belt spun furiously. The first sergeant on duty provided a last minute surge of energy, one only a first sergeant can provide. The team, working alongside their leadership, quickly became more focused and more decisive in tackling the mission than in the first 2 hours and 45 minutes.

At exactly 12 p.m. the mission ended. Silently the Airmen waited for the results.

The food bank coordinator announced the final tally and the team let out roar of excitement. Working as one, they had broken

bank." said Joy Tucker, senior vice president of Facilities Management for the Tucson Community Food Bank.

"We've experienced a 25 to 28 percent increase in demand for (emergency) food boxes and would not be able to keep up with the packing of food boxes if not for the support of (local) Airmen. They do an outstanding job and we truly enjoy having them with us. It's a pleasure to work with the military and we look forward to their continued support."

Providing service to the community is nothing new for 12th Air Force and Air Forces Southern. The organization, whose area of responsibility spans a 43,000 miles radius of Central, South America and the Caribbean, provides a significant amount of humanitarian support to underserved communities. Services range from free medical and dental care to robust construction projects throughout the region.

Doing something to serve your community doesn't require a lot of money, or even a lot of time. It only requires action and an ounce of compassion to help those in need, explained Ms. Tucker. To help the more than 200,000 Tucson children and their families in need this holiday season Airmen are encouraged to donate their time to the Tucson Community Food Bank or other deserving community charity organizations.

To volunteer, call Kristen Hershberger, the volunteer coordinator for the Tucson Food Bank, at 622-0525 ext 204 or by email at khershberger@communityfoodbank.com.





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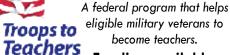


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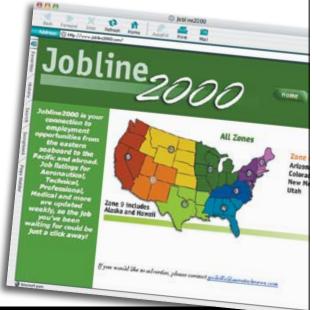
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